



TORONTO PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"Quality and Excellence.....Learning Together"

03/05/2016



Term 2 Week 2.

Last week we returned to school after two weeks of lovely weather for our holidays. We have had a couple of changes to our staffing composition since the end of last term. Mrs Julie McPhee was successful in gaining a relieving role at Bluehaven Public School for term 2 (with the possibility of extension) and was notified of her success on the last day of term 1. Mrs Helen Sibthorpe will be teaching K/6M in her absence and will also relieve in the Assistant Principal Support Unit role as well. We welcome Mrs Kristy Varney back, who is covering Mrs Sibthorpe in Early Intervention during this period.

We have also had some changes to our office staffing entitlement as well. Due to a reduction in our student enrolment numbers, our School Administration Officer's (Mrs Lowrie) time has been reduced to three days per week. Mrs Bev Lowrie now will be at TPS on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays only.

As a result of this, our fortnightly school newsletter, will now be produced and sent home on Thursday's each fortnight.

Miss Lord has become Mrs Metse after her wonderful wedding and we welcome her back to 2L.

NAPLAN

Students in Years 3 and 5 have been working hard to prepare for NAPLAN next week. We know they will do a super job and try their very best. Good luck to all students.

Assessments as follows:

Tuesday 10 May - Language Conventions and Writing

Wednesday 11 May – Reading

Thursday 12 May – Numeracy

Explicit Instruction

We also welcome Mr John Fleming back to TPS next Tuesday, in his continuing role consulting and coaching our teachers and supporting us to become the best school we can be. Mr Fleming has been instrumental in supporting our change toward Explicit Instruction. Many of you have seen our sensational Literacy and Numeracy Warm Ups in action and we look forward to seeing where we are headed next!

Mother's Day Breakfast

This Friday, May 6, we will be holding our annual Mother's day Breakfast here at school. All mothers/Carers are invited to join us (and their kids of course) from 7.30am onwards for brekkie provided by our school staff. We hope to see many mums/Carers there!

Community Working Bee

As mentioned last term, we are hoping for as much support from our families as possible on SATURDAY MAY 14 here at school. We have plans to improve our Yellow Zone playground and need as many helpers as possible to make this happen. If you can support our school for any amount of time on 14 May, please come along and help to build, garden, paint, clean or even cook a barbecue! We will provide breakfast and lunch for those who come to help. More info to follow about this.

Office News

A reminder that our new finance and administration system is closer to going "live". This will occur on June 14, and in the weeks leading up to this, both the office staff members and myself will continue to attend off site training.

Changes to how we operate in all aspects of administration are coming and I ask again for your patience and understanding throughout this transition time. We will communicate changes as they occur and will do our very best to keep things running smoothly.

Drumming

The first payment for term 2 is now overdue. Please send in fees as soon as possible. Thanks.

Opportunity Classes 2017

Opportunity Classes cater for highly achieving, academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. These classes help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Included in our newsletter today is information regarding application details for Opportunity Classes in 2017. This information is primarily for students who are currently in Year 4. **Applications close on May 13. Late applications will not be accepted.**

Have a super week everyone and remember;

"Change is hard at first, messy in the middle and gorgeous in the end" - Robin Sharma

Mrs Van Egmond ☺

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!



NEW AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY:

**Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm at Charlton Christian
College Fassifern All welcome.**

**Call Master Greg Dovey 0411 155 510
to register.**

**Other local classes:
Toronto 5.30-6.30 Tuesdays
Rathmines 5.30-6.30 Mon/Wed**

www.shimjang.com

TERM 2

May

6 th	Mother's Day Breakfast
10 th , 11 th , 12 th	NAPLAN
14 th	Community Working Bee
23 rd	Athletics Carnival
24 th	A Matters of Seconds Water Safety for Kinder, Yr3 & Yr6
26 th	Star struck rehearsal

June

15 th	Star struck rehearsal
16 th	star struck rehearsal
17 th	star struck rehearsal

TERM 3

July

18 th	Teachers Return
19 th	Students Return
19 th to 22 nd	NAIDOC Week
26 th	School Photos

September

19 th , 20 th , 21 st	Great Aussie Bush Camp Years 5 & 6
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NOTICE TO PARENTS – HEALTH PLANS

Recently the school has posted home Health Plans for your child. These forms need to be filled out, signed and returned urgently. It is important that we have current, up-to-date records to ensure the best care for your child. If your child no longer requires a health care procedure at school such as an asthma action plan, etc., please note this on their health care plan with your signature and return.

PARENT NOTICE OF DATES OF NAPLAN TESTS FOR YEAR 3 AND YEAR 5 STUDENTS

Our year 3 and year 5 students will be sitting the Australia wide NAPLAN tests for 2016 from the 10th May, 2016 to 12th May, 2016. Please ensure that your children have had a good night's sleep and a good breakfast to begin their day.

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	10 May 2016	11 May 2016	12 May 2016
Year 3	Language conventions <i>40 minutes</i>	Reading <i>45 minutes</i>	Numeracy <i>45 minutes</i>
	Writing <i>40 minutes</i>		
Year 5	Language conventions <i>40 minutes</i>	Reading <i>50 minutes</i>	Numeracy <i>50 minutes</i>
	Writing <i>40 minutes</i>		

SCHOOL WORKING BEE INVITATION

TO PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS

WHEN: SATURDAY 14TH MAY, 2016

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROVIDED



We are looking for parent and community volunteers to come to our school and help with the upgrade of our school play grounds and to help build new activities and equipment in Yellow Zone. We need to provide a more interesting playground for our Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students. Students have been surveyed to find out what activities they would like to have. As you can imagine, many hands make light work. Staff have volunteered to come in and work too.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided for our volunteers. Come and Enjoy! Then make good use of the calories on our school's playground. Breakfast starts at 8:00am

Nerolie Goss

Assistant Principal



Community Noticeboard

I would like to welcome our new students and families to our school. We hope you have felt welcomed and are settling in well.

Mothers Day

Our first function for the term will be our annual Mother's Day breakfast this Friday. Delicious egg and bacon rolls will be cooked and served by our amazing team of staff for mothers, grandmothers and other significant females in your child's life. We hope to see you on Friday morning anytime from 7am until 8.30am. It is always a fun morning. The Mother's Day stall will also be held on Friday during class time. Each class will visit the stall during the morning to purchase gifts. Gifts will range from \$3.00 to \$6.00.

Congratulations Mrs Metse

I would also like to congratulate one of our brilliant teachers, Miss Sara Lord who was married last month at Crescent Head becoming Mrs Sara Metse. It was a perfect day for Sara and her husband Adam and we wish them all the best for the future.

Toronto Tadpoles

Our Tadpoles group will be starting this Friday. If you have, or know of someone with a pre-schooler coming to school next year, please tell them to call the school office for information. We will meet Friday mornings 9.30 - 11.00am. We ask that each child bring along a drink bottle of water and a plate of food to share for morning tea. This helps keep running costs low and allows us to run the sessions at no cost to the family. The children will enjoy activities such as craft, story time & sport. They will also have the opportunity to visit Classrooms, Library, Office and Canteen, allowing them to become familiar with our beautiful school.

Community Engagement Officer - Tracy Marsland



T1 Wk11 Assembly
The award goes to...



Sportsmanship Award



Class Award 2L



Presentation of ANZAC medallions



Home Reading Awards



Weekly Merit Awards



PBL Awards



Cross Country Athletes representing TPS



Term 1 100% Attendance Awards

We are safe, respectful learners!



T2 Wk1 Assembly
Lest We Forget



Mr Tony Peart
Mr Robley Hare



School Leaders lay the wreath



Mr Peart addresses the assembly



School Creed



Presentation of ANZAC medallions

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Intention to apply: Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on **Wednesday 27 July 2016**.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2017, you need to apply soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from **26 April 2016** in a printed application information booklet and at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. The application website opens on **26 April 2016** and closes on **13 May 2016**. No late applications will be accepted.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after **26 April 2016**.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

Yours sincerely

Principal

Note: THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO AN OPPORTUNITY CLASS. This is a notice to your primary school only that you intend to apply.

TO APPLY YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER AND THEN APPLY THROUGH THE HIGH PERFORMING STUDENTS APPLICATION WEBSITE.

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by next Friday.

Intention to apply: Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2017

Student's name: _____ Class: _____

I am interested in applying for opportunity class placement in 2017 Yes ☐ No ☐

I have internet access and will be applying online ☐

OR

I do not have internet access ☐

Signature of parent/carers: _____ Date: _____

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